

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant :	Chen et al.	Art Unit :	1792
Serial No. :	10/732,966	Examiner :	Sylvia R. MacArthur
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Title :	RETAINING RING WITH SLURRY TRANSPORT GROOVES		

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

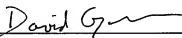
Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the action dated September 12, 2008, finally rejecting claims 1-5, 7-9, 11, and 13-22.

A petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 to extend the time to respond to the final rejection for 3 months to and including March 12, 2009 is being paid concurrently herewith on the Electronic Filing System (EFS) by way of Deposit Account authorization.

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